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# Reflect

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## Khalil | Aubrie Salzman

Khalil  
who cups his hands  
cupped palms together

(Khalil)  
who eased his way past  
easy turns  
eating  
mangos, seeds,  
and flowers off the trees.

Khalil  
who mastered peace  
at the age of eleven  
  
who mulls his breath  
before breathing,  
  
who pours his skin, dips in a toe,  
deems it too hopeful.

Khalil who knotted his arms  
to lift his chin  
at a generation of lost generosity,  
forever fascinated and unfamiliar  
nodded in smoke clouds of curiosity,  
and with knots in his hair  
climbs calmly in the flies,  
burning his hands and his eyes  
on his crimes but by then

he is Khalil who is God's friend  
(but who is God's friend?).  
He is Khalil,  
all tension and touch  
telling me to meld into

Khalil  
who knew no anchor  
but anchored me and  
angered me

who touched my face  
feeling truths behind my eyes.  
I tried and he dried my sweat,

Khalil  
who cups my hands cupped small together.



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